

I would hope that the FCC would not allow a broadcaster that airs extended political advertising free, falsely labelling it as "news", to retain its license. This issue should be seriously considered when the time comes to decide whether Sinclair Broadcasting, and stations such as KQVR/13 in Sacramento, are serving their communities using the public airwaves and whether they should be allowed to continue using the public airwaves.

Sinclair is not charged for using the public airwaves. In exchange, Sinclair is required by law to serve the public interest. If it chooses to operate a cable station named "GOP TV", that would be another situation. What we have here is a large company with a significant slice of the public spectrum nationally, controlling what the public gets to hear -- and masking partisan politics as news. This is not in the public interest.

It's up to the FCC to show whether its oversight of the airways is real or just an ignored concept. License renewals are where the rubber meets the road. Thank you.